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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael J. Dietz, II

Application No.: 09/003,003

Filed: January 5, 1998

For: ELECTRONIC SECOND SPIN
SLOT MACHINE

Examiner: White, Carmen D.

Art Unit: 3714

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, for which a petition is submitted to extend time for three months from January 22, 2003 to April 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 6-7, 9-12, 15, 16-18, 20, 27-30, 32, 34 and 36 so that the pending claims now read as follows:

1. (Five Times Amended) A method of operating an electronic gaming apparatus having a plurality of symbols arrayed in separate boxes of multiple symbol columns and rows on a touch screen monitor comprising the steps of:

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